3 THINGS TO DO

01 It's coffee o'clock

Explore a wide range of specialty coffee with ARAKU Open House, an open event for coffee lovers. Have a wonderful afternoon sampling coffee and socialising with fellow coffee lovers.
Where: ARAKU Coffee;
When: June 21, 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM;
Tickets: Insider.in

02 Upgrade your photography skills

If you want to try your hands on photography or improve your photography skills, then ASUS pro art labs has come up with the perfect opportunity. Internationally acclaimed photographer Joseph Radhik will be your guide. **Where: Online;**
When: June 30, 6 pm–7 pm; Tickets: Insider.in

03 Ladies in music

Are you a woman trying hard to make it in the music industry? This event answers your prayers. A collaboration between The Wacken Foundation and the Embassy of the USA in New Delhi, the event, titled Let Women Do The Talking, will give young women who want to pursue a career in music a space to interact with successful women in the field. They can also partake in workshops, panel discussions, and use the platform to network.
Where: Hard Rock Cafe, St Marks Road
When: July 2, 7:30 pm; Entry: Free

Furry fun ride

Look at this bundle of fur enjoying a scooter ride on a windy day with its parent in ORR Marathahalli

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Look out for this young bird lover!

Seventh grader becomes the youngest to clear NPTEL's course on ornithology

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Krish Anand also raises concerns for climate change and wishes to do something about it

Krish Anand, 12 years old, has become the youngest in the country to clear the Ornithology course conducted by National Programme on Technology Enhanced Learning (NPTEL). Anand was the youngest among the 372 who cleared the course out of 5,045 national enrollees.

The course covers topics like bird anatomy, physiology, taxonomy, behaviour, conservation. Generally, this course is considered as ideal for students pursuing their Bachelors and Masters degree in life sciences and for those who want to explore ornithology as a career option.

Anand was always keen on observing trees and birds. His interest geared up when he and his father rescued a white-cheeked barbet (Psilopogon viridis). "During this process, I was very much moved and started to know more about birds.

But, there were many questions which were unanswered. From that day, I started observing so many birds and nests and their behaviour. I would narrate those experiences with my parents. Then, I borrowed my father's 18-year old camera and started clicking birds," said Anand.

> **"I wish to be part of a movement that will emphasise on the importance of nature, build awareness in everyone** – Krish Anand

His father Anand C K Shashidhar, a member of the Wildlife Association of South India (WASI) said that from a very young age Krish enjoyed nature. He said, "In due course he even made an information sheet for WASI with a list of birds present in the Cauvery stretch at Shivanasamudra. Although his interest is very much spread across all things to do with nature, birding activities, Ornithology in particular is what he is mostly focused on."

He also added that Krish now spends whatever time he gets in trying to make documentaries on particular nesting species from building of nests to laying of eggs to incubation of eggs to hatchlings to feeding and fledging etc till the family leaves the nest.

Krish has a number of certifications under his belt. Being a nature lover he wants to do something for climate change. He said, "It hurts me to be a witness to the super large forest lands we lose every day from deforestation in the name of development, from mining in the name of manufacture and from climate change which is largely because of the pollution that we humans create.

I wish to be part of a movement that will emphasise on the importance of nature, build awareness in everyone and help make this planet a better world for all."

Karnataka ready with aerospace, defence policy, says Minister

In the run up to the upcoming Global Investors Meet (GIM) in November, the Karnataka Industries Department is ready with the Aerospace and Defence Policy (2022-27) which aims to establish the state as the preferred investment destination for aerospace and defence manufacturing. The Defence Ministry has set a target of 70 per cent self-reliance in weapons by 2027, creating huge prospects for industry players.

"To attract investments to the tune of Rs 60,000 crore ($6 billion) in the aerospace and defence sector during the policy period of 5 years, this would create additional employment opportunities for 70,000 people and to develop the state as a manufacturing hub including MRO (maintenance, repair and operations) and space applications for both Indian market and exports.

These are some of the key features of A and D policy," noted Large and Medium Industries Minister Murugesh R. Nirani on Sunday.

Minister Nirani, who has piloted the policy, said that India's current market size of approximately $7 billion is expected to grow at a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 7.5 per cent to reach $15 billion by 2032 presenting a significant opportunity for defence electronics players in India to capitalize upon.

"Karnataka contributes a major share of 40 per cent of defence electronics systems/products. To give further boost, the A and D policy offers a huge land and financial incentives packages for space, defence and aerospace manufacturers and other subsectors," he stated.

Electronics is the primary capability in modern warfare systems. Under the A and D policy, the state will develop five aerospace and defence hubs -- Bengaluru, Belagavi, Mysuru, Tumakuru and Chamarajanagar.

– IANS

Anganwadi blooms

Volunteers have transformed dank building into vibrant space where children are happy to assemble

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Pic courtesy: Nithin Raju, Faculty member GHPS Ramagondanhalli

What was once a small decrepit crumbling little building with a handful of children in a dark damp classroom, is today a beautiful vibrant space bustling with several happy children — the anganwadi at Government Higher Primary School, Ramagondanhalli, is truly transformed.

There are many reasons why this space is unique.

This anganwadi is co-located with the preschool (LKG/UKG) classroom. It is unique because apart from large classrooms, this space has a nice, separate spacious kitchen/dining area and beautiful old tree in the courtyard that is a perfect space for story time and activities with children. The entire space has beautiful wall murals - and the art work is done by volunteers from Whitefield Ready, the senior grade students of the school and the faculty of the Government Higher Primary School, Ramagondanahlli.

This space has been rebuilt by Rotary Bangalore IT Corridor with funding support from HP, Akamai Technologies, Accord Software and Whitefield Ready. This space now has around 100 children (30 in anganwadi and 35 students each in LKG and UKG classrooms).

While the anganwadi functions independently and caters to younger children up to 4 years of age- children 4 years and above transition to LKG and UKG classrooms and gain direct admission into Grade 1 in this highly popular school now, where getting admission is extremely difficult.

The teachers for the preschool (LKG/UKG) are appointed by Inventure Academy that has also adopted the main school. Volunteers from Whitefield Ready will be working with all the children in this space bringing in art/craft/dance/music into the lives of the little ones. This unique model provides for high quality early childhood education in the preschool classrooms as also the care and nurturing provided by the anganwadi model. There is also a plan to run a community library-cum-activity centre in this space for the children in the neighbourhood.

> **We are so happy to have enabled this transformation in this space. Finally children here have a nice space to learn and grow and enjoy being at school**

Venkatamma, an anganwadi teacher who retired recently after working for more than three decades, said it was very tough for her to manage the anganwadi before the government school was constructed on the same premises.

Appreciating Whitefield Ready volunteers, Anuradha, an anganwadi teacher, said the centre has the capacity to accommodate around 30 children. "I am very happy to work here. This anganwadi centre has all the facilities," said Anuradha.

All facilities

The volunteers of Whitefield Ready have constructed a new toilet block with six toilets and ensured proper water supply too. Apart from an anganwadi worker, a full time janitor is also being appointed by Rotary to ensure the space is well maintained for the little ones.

"We are so happy to have enabled this transformation in this space. Finally, children here have a nice space to learn and grow and enjoy being at school. With a proper preschool program in LKG/ UKG classrooms these children will now have a strong foundation to enter Grade 1 with a lot of confidence. We are also looking forward to working with the very young ones in the anganwadi. We hope all this will make these children into lifelong learners," said Sumedha Rao, volunteer of White Field Ready & RBITC.

UGET done, final answer key on Jun 30

A candidate who tried to impersonate during the Under-Graduate Entrance Test (UGET) was caught at the last minute on Sunday. COMEDK conducted the UGET for admissions to approximately 20,000 seats in 150 engineering colleges of Karnataka. COMEDK executive secretary Dr S Kumar said, "Around 92.63% took the exams in first shift and 93.50% in second shift at 154 cities across India including 22 in Karnataka. One attempted impersonation which was identified during the registration and the candidate was not allowed to take the examination and was sent out." The provisional answer keys will be notified on June 22 along with forms for challenging the said answer keys. The final answer key will be made available on June 30 and score cards will be made available to the candidates in their respective applicant login on July 5.

Students appear for COMEDK exam at BNM Institute of Technology, one of the examination centres, in Banashankari on Sunday

FAKE NEWS BUSTER MIRROR

NO LINK BETWEEN JAB AND JUSTIN'S FACIAL PARALYSIS

THE CLAIM

Social media users shared an article that claims Justin Bieber said his facial paralysis was due to the Covid-19 vaccine. "Justin Bieber: 'The vaccine ruined my life,'" says the headline of a June 11 article from a website called the Vancouver Times. This article was shared many times on social media websites.

SO, WHAT'S THE TRUTH?

According to an AFP fact check, the article was shared days after the 28-year-old Canadian pop singer-songwriter announced he was pausing his Justice World Tour due to a partial facial paralysis due to Ramsay Hunt syndrome, a condition that occurs when a shingles infection affects the facial nerve near a ear. The Vancouver Times calls itself a site that publishes satire, but this news is shared without it being prominently labelled as satire. This is the reason why vaccine naysayers latched on to it as an authentic report. The report is false and Beiber has nowhere linked his condition with the vaccine. AFP

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TOPCOMMENTS

It is high time to get moving on airport rail corridor

Bangalore Mirror's story 'Clamour for airport corridor grows louder' has got a few responses on the website. A user Prabhu writes, it is the Prime Minister who caused a delay in the project, so they must write to him. Shiva Sivasanker S writes, a metro like Bangalore needs multiple modes of connecting to the airport. It is high time this rail is activated. A reader Swarnima writes on email: We are told that several roads are being laid to welcome the PM, we hope that the PM also takes active interest in the progress of the suburban rail as he is to lay the foundation stone for this project. It has been years of waiting, petitioning and campaigning for citizens to get an easier and cheaper mode of transport to the airport.

WEBHITS

3 most-read articles on the Mirror site

- Urgent clamour for airport corridor
- Monsoon Mayhem
- Lemon squeezy, not easy peasy

U-turn is only right turn: Konena Agrahara residents

Commuters say traffic, fuel expenses, and travel time could all improve with a U-turn in the area

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A U-turn being created in the area would benefit lakhs of commuters

Residents of the Konena Agragraha Ward are asking for a U-turn near Manipal hospital due to them having to travel at least 1 km extra to take one. They are also concerned about excessive fuel waste and increased time while commuting. The United RWA of Koenennagraha(UROK) has submitted an online petition to Bangalore Traffic Police, JCP, Ravikanthe Gowda demanding a U-turn or right turn at Old Airport Road in front of the hospital.

"We do not have a U-turn on Old Airport Road for residents coming out of Rustam Bagh, Golden Enclave, Gem Wellington, Prestige Casablanca, Kodihalli, Manipal Hospital, etc. We need to go to the next ward, to Domlur (1.5 km) or Indiranagar to take a turn, which is such a grave waste of time, energy, and fuel.

This results in immense inconvenience for people living on both sides of Old Airport Road. There were 2 U-turns on the same stretch earlier and the Bangalore Traffic Police closed them a few years ago," read the petition.

"We have been facing this issue for a long time and the U-turn was closed years ago. It's an issue faced by lakhs of people and it's an issue jointly shared by the area residents. If we need to go to Marathahalli or Golden Enclave from Rustam Bagh Layout, I need to go all the way till Command Hospital. Even at the Domlur signal, there is no U-turn. Motorists have to travel at least 1.5 km and a total of 3 km each time we need to go to the next road. People also tend to avoid Ward Committee meetings in Vishveshwaraya as they have to take a U-turn. The area has become a nightmare due to people trying to escape the U-turn," said President of UROK, Poornima Shetty.

"If we want to take the right from Rustam Bagh and go 100 metres we need to travel a few kilometres. It's a plight for rule-following private vehicle owners. This is also creating a lot of traffic at Domlur junction. There have also been cases where medical patients have found it difficult to reach the hospital (Manipal) on time. We have been fighting for the past 10 years now for the change but it has been futile," said Shishir Bhate, a resident of Rustam Bagh Layout.

> **"We don't get to take a right at Manipal hospital even if it's urgent**
> – Kushnoor Mehra, Commuter

Residents say that traffic congestion on either side makes matters worse. "I stay on the crossing of Old Airport Road and Murugeshpalya and it's a trudge to go to Marathahalli or Whitefield. It takes around 40 mins to take the U-Turn and reach the other side as we have to cross two signals. We don't get to take a right at Manipal hospital even if it's urgent. To evade the U-turn, some even cut across the hospital and pass in front of the emergency ward," said Kushnoor Mehra, a regular commuter in the stretch.

The federation highlighted that if the area is opened up or widened at that junction and a U-turn is allowed, it would be a relief to lakhs of people. The provision of a U-turn could also lead to significant fuel savings, pollution reduction, and ensure pedestrian safety.

They are planning to approach the JCP directly and address the issue once the petition reaches 2000 signatures.

A day off for college students, courtesy PM visit

In view of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Bengaluru and Mysuru on June 20, the Karnataka government declared a holiday for the higher education institutions located in the proximity of his travel route due to security reasons.

Karnataka Minister for Higher Education CN Ashwath Narayan said that a government order to this effect has been issued on Saturday.

"This will be applicable to higher educational institutions in the vicinity of IISc, Goraguntepalya, CMTI, Ring Road, Dr Rajkumar Memorial flyover, Laggere bridge, Nayandahalli, Mysuru Road RV College, Nagarabavi, Sumanahalli flyover, MEI junction, Govardhan Talkies, Yashawantapura, and Jakkuru Aerodrome route," he added.

Earlier on Saturday, Karnataka Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai had said that the preparations to make Prime Minister's visit to Bengaluru and Mysuru "a grand success" are in full swing.

The Prime Minister is scheduled to visit the state on June 20.

According to Bommai, Modi is scheduled to arrive at Yelahanka air base at 11:55 am and reach the Indian Institute of Science by helicopter to participate in two programs. There, he will inaugurate the Brain Cell Research Centre established at a cost of Rs 450 crore by Kris Gopalakrishnan and lay the foundation stone for an 850-bed Research Hospital being built by the MindTree.

He also informed that the Suburban Rail project for Bengaluru will also take off on the same day as the Prime Minister would lay the foundation for a Rs 15,000 crore project to provide mass transit connectivity from the heart of the city to many localities in the outskirts.

Visit to give pre-election boost

With state Assembly elections due in less than a year from now, Prime Minister Narendra Modi's two-day visit to Karnataka is being seen as a crucial component of the BJP's offensive to retain the key South Indian state.

Coming ahead of the general election in 2024, the Assembly polls next year are crucial for the BJP in Karnataka which sends 28 MPs to the Lok Sabha.

Karnataka is the only south Indian state where the party is a major player against the Congress and the Janata Dal (Secular).

While the highlight of the Prime Minister's two-day visit is his participation in the International Yoga Day celebrations at Mysuru on Tuesday, on Monday he has a power-packed itinerary in the capital city.

Modi's tour at this juncture comes as a shot in the arm for the BJP government in Karnataka headed by Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai. At another level, the Prime Minister's engagements in Bengaluru-Mysuru spread over two days are being seen as part of the BJP's outreach to the Vokkaligas, who dominate the region. "The PM's visit for two days will establish the priority that he is giving to Karnataka. The development agenda and his participation in the Yoga Day celebrations in Mysuru will be received positively by the people of Karnataka," a senior party leader said on the condition of anonymity. **– Agencies**

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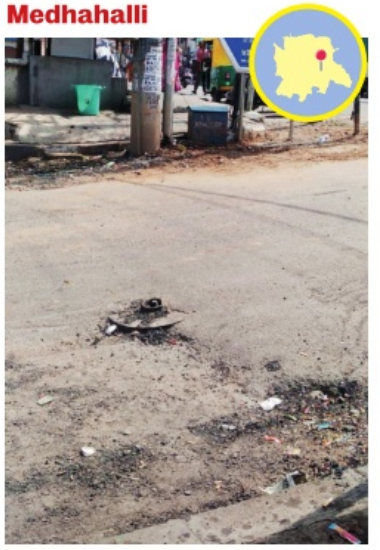
Leakage detected
Halasuru

Drain leakage opposite Indira Canteen, Halasuru Metro and Murphy Town market, Indiranagar.

Move the trolley
Medhahalli

Trolley lying idle for many days near Karunashree Layout, Medhahalli. It is blocking the footpath.

Fix the road
Medhahalli



This is the state of Janakiraman Layout near the Indian oil petrol pump.

Construction industry is lapping up treated water

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Recycled wastewater from decentralised Sewage Treatment Plants (STPs) across the city is turning out to be a hit in the construction industry. In a bid to promote the use of recycled water, Tankerwala, the mobile application startup to book freshwater through tankers on-demand in the city, released an option in the app to book recycled water tankers from June 5.

In just over one week, around 25 lakh liters of water has been lapped up for various purposes in the city. The majority of it is from the construction industry.

"We are swamped with requests for treated wastewater from across the city. Already around 25 lakh liters have been transported to various spots. Around 95% of this request has come from the construction industry," said Shravanth Donthy, CEO, Tankerwala.

Currently, the project is doing pilots with different apartment complexes to make the process hyperlocal. While the demand and supply of treated water are high, transporting the recycled water through busy roads in the city is turning out to be a challenge.

"A lot of people are reaching out to us requesting to take their treated water. Demand is high as well. However, it is unpredictable and thus we are unable to align the supplies on those lines. We are trying to optimize root planning and analyse late traffic hours to make the process work," added Donthy.

Bangalore Mirror
Freshwater tanker app will soon supply recycled water from decentralised STPs for home construction purposes
THINK TANKER
Book treated water through app from June 5

BM had reported on Apr 29 that the app will start supplying treated water

The demand from the construction industry can be attributed to the fact that the recycled water being procured by decentralised STPs is tested for suspended particulate matter to ensure it meets construction water quality specified by IS 456:2000 standards. IS 456:2000 standards indicate the quality of water that should be used in construction. As per the standards, the permissible limit for sulfate is 400 mg/litre; the permissible limit for chloride is 2,000 mg/litre for concrete not containing embedded steel and 500 mg/litre for reinforced concrete. "Water requirements of the construction companies range between five to ten lakh liters a day. Moreover, the water we procure is being tested at multiple labs and they all confirmed that the water quality is per the guidelines specified by IS 456:2000 standards," said Donthy.

Currently, the recycled water is being supplied to construction sites in Shivajinagar, Dairy Circle, and the Outer Ring Road areas.

According to the experts, it is vital to create supply and demand in the same area for optimal usage of recycled water from decentralised STPs housed in the apartment complexes. For instance, if all the extra water is with Whitefield, and construction is happening on MG Road, the logistics will not be feasible. We need to create demand for this water in different areas so it can be used locally. For central Bengaluru, we have zeroed in on the hotels around the area to procure the recycled water," Donthy added.

Key Arkavathi River is brimming in all its glory

Otherwise dry Kakolu Lake has turned into a hot picnic spot these days

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Monsoon has just begun and one of the key lakes on the Arkavathi river link is now brimming. For the last few days, Kakolu Lake in north Bengaluru is overflowing. This has come as a cause of enthusiasm for scientists as well as picnickers. The overflowing water is cascading into mini waterfalls drawing hundreds of people to visit the place. It is said that this is the first time Kakolu Lake has filled up to the maximum level in the last two decades.

Locals and visitors alike are overjoyed to see the overflowing Kakolu Lake, which has not been this full and flowing in decades

Suresh S, an expert said, "Arkavathi, a tributary of Cauvery used to be the lifeline of Bengaluru once upon a time. When the city's lakes were not enough to quench the thirst of ever growing Bengaluru, the administration was in search of an alternative source of water. When Bengaluru was reeling from one of the severe water crisis, the Hesaraghatta lake project was conceived. The lake was constructed in 1891 by Mysore Dewan K Seshadri Iyer spread across 1,224 acres. The tank was designed to supply water to a population of 2.5 lakh in 1925 and Hesaraghatta Lake went dry. The last time the Hesaraghatta Lake was filled to the brim was in the eighties. Kakolu lake is in the upstream of Hesaraghatta lake."

According to him, till Hesaraghatta lake, the Arkavathi river runs through a chain of lakes where in each lake overflowing to fill the downstream lake and then the excess water reaches Hesaraghatta lake. "It is the Kakolu Lake water that is filling the Hesaraghatta lake." According to Prasanna Gowda, a local, the timing of the brimming is quite unusual. "It is just the beginning of the monsoon and even decades ago; the lake would be filled up only after a few months of heavy rain," he said.

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> –Prasanna Gowda, a resident of the area near the lake

For locals who have been used to watching the near dry lake, the overflowing lake has turned it into a picnic spot. "For Bengalureans, Hesaraghatta is one of the favourite hangout places because the place is full of greenery. Many would stop at Hesaraghatta lake but now for the last few days, people are heading a lot ahead to watch the Kakolu lake overflowing in full glory. As the excess water is flowing towards Hesaraghatta lake, it is cascading into mini waterfalls. It is definitely a treat to watch. We just hope to receive good monsoon rainfall so that if the lakes in the Arkavathi river basin fills up, then it will rejuvenate the Arkavathi river," said Nandita S, a local.

Though Arkavathi takes birth in Nandi hills, it has been almost dry for the last few decades. Even Hesaraghatta lake has not been filled up and hence the river bed till Makali is almost dry. However, from Makali, industrial effluents are let into the river. Further, the Kumudvathi river joins Arkavathi at Thippagondanahalli (TG Halli) reservoir. Beyond TG Halli, the downstream Manchanabele is brimming with water for the last few days and the overflowing water flows towards Harobele reservoir in Kanakapura before joining Cauvery at Sangama. The police are requesting people to see the overflowing water from the nearby bridge and not to venture into the water as it can be quite dangerous.

Covid: Health authorities gear up for the worst

The state health authorities are crossing their fingers as Karnataka is nearing the Covid peak period. As per a report by the IIT Kanpur Technical Recommendation Committee, the peak is predicted to start from the third week of June. State Health Minister K Sudhakar has said that the IIT Kanpur team, which has given an accurate report on the last three covid waves, has predicted a spike in the number of covid cases in the state from the third week of June. The report says the peak will last till October.

IIT Kanpur team has predicted a spike in the number of covid cases in the state from the third week of June

The Health department is observing the situation closely. The Covid variant which is surfacing these days is not fierce and there is no need for the people to panic, the minister said.

But, the authorities fear that as the caseload sees a spike, there might be a concerning situation though the variant is not showing any fierce hospitalisation symptoms in patients so far. Dr. KV Srinivasa, consulting physician, told IANS that in the current scenario, the number of cases is high. There are no severe symptoms found and the cases requiring hospitalisation are also less.

Sunday's tally

Karnataka on Sunday clocked 623 fresh covid cases and one death, taking the caseload to 39,60,831 and fatalities to 40,071, the health department said. The day also saw 412 people being discharged. Active cases in the state stood at 5,035.

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Save it for a drainy day

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without leaving even one metre buffer zone from the stormwater drain. It is a primary stormwater drain. As per the BBMP's Master Plan 2015, the buffer zone for primary stormwater drain should be 50 metres but not a metre's space was left while constructing the building.

As if the aforementioned violation was not enough, a temporary platform was constructed on the stormwater drain for parking vehicles. Eight bachelors used to reside in that house; they used to park their vehicles on the temporary platform as there was no provision for parking at the main entrance of the building. It is said that Mithun, who lost his life amid Friday's downpour in the city, was swept away in the primary stormwater drain while trying to save his bike from being carried by the floodwaters when the temporary platform collapsed.

"Collapse of the temporary platform blocked the stormwater drain. The blockade of the stormwater drain caused overflow of rainwater, flooding nearby houses," said a resident.

Residents were seen either drying wet beds, pillows and blankets or cleaning water sumps. "We were shocked to see rainwater flooding our homes. We lost everything including food grains, fridge, sofa set. We do not know whether we can use the bed and pillows that got wet. The BBMP supplied food for two days," said Manjunath J, a resident.

Housing keeping employees were busy removing silt and stagnating water from Sreepadam Apartment complex. Most of the vehicles parked on the premises were damaged due to water-logging. Water in the swimming pool was contaminated due to the overflow of water from the stormwater drain.

"Many of our vehicles are damaged. We have pressed our house keeping staff into cleaning the premises. It will take two to three days for us to keep the apartment premises clean," said Rambabu, president, Sripadam Apartment Owners' Association.

Inside an educational institution the size of a stormwater drain has shrunk

Beds, pillows and clothes outside their homes for drying

Condition of a swimming pool in an apartment complex adjacent to the stormwater drain

Residents waiting at a garage to get their bikes repaired

Residents stressed that brazen encroachment of the stormwater drain is the main cause for flooding of their homes. They said neither the BBMP ward engineer nor the elected representatives bothered to prevent people encroaching the stormwater drain. According to them, even after the loss of one precious life, alongside household items worth thousands of rupees, the BBMP is not taken to task for negligence or dereliction of duty — elected representatives, as usual, came and went.

"I have requested urban development minister Byrathi Basavaraj who represents KR Puram to remove encroachments along the primary stormwater drain. None of the building owners, including an educational institution, followed the buffer zone norms while constructing buildings. The width of the stormwater drain is less than six feet inside the educational institution owned by an influential person. We are thinking about moving the Karnataka High Court seeking a direction to the BBMP for clearing encroachments along the stormwater drain," said Vasanthappa, an advocate.

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Meanwhile, BBMP chief engineer (stormwater drains) Lokesh said the BBMP has made arrangements to clear the encroachments along the stormwater drain. "The work will begin in a day or two," he said.

However, urban development minister Byrathi Basavaraj, who represents KR Puram assembly constituency, was not available for comment.

Low wages amidst rising prices

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we are holding a strike but the main demand is permanent employment of the workers who have been working for so many years now," she told BM.

A senior BBMP official said the civic workers are being paid regularly. "We pay them according to the minimum wage norms on a regular basis and provide them with all the equipment required... We are also giving hardship allowance to employees working on ground. Now they are demanding permanent employment. Earlier, we used to hire the pourakarmikas on contract basis. Now we do it on the Direct Payment System (DPS); but they are demanding to regularise the services, which is not in our hands. It is the government which will take a decision on this."

Pourakarmikas had protested for regularisation of services in October 2021 as well. There are currently about 40,000 temporary pourakarmikas in Karnataka. Currently, the pourakarmikas are being paid around Rs 15,000.

Recently, the state government had announced a 'hardship allowance' of Rs 2,000 for pourakarmikas in the state budget 2022-23, acknowledging their hard work during covid-19 pandemic. However, many pourakarmikas BM spoke to in the city have not received the allowance yet.

'Yoga on water needs a lot of focus and determination'

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Yoga, ever since its origin has been evolving continuously, and has reached across the globe. Yoga means "to unite". The practice to create union between the mind, body and spirit, as well as between the individual and the universe.

Savitha Rani M (Head, Training and Placement, Ramaiah Institute of Technology) said, "Most of us cannot even do yoga on the land and most of us cannot swim. I have been doing nearly 35 asanas on water. I have been doing this yoga on water since 10 years. I learnt this special skill on my own. However, no one should not try this without proper mentorship as it has life risk." Yoga on water is a combination of yoga, medication, pranayama and swimming. Because of her parents Savitha at an early age learnt the basics of yoga and meditation. She also knew how to swim and did it regularly. It was just one question, which was raised by her mother, "Can you do this on water"? that opened her doors to water yoga. This question was exciting enough for Savitha and she started practising the same asanas and pranayamas while floating on water. "Doing yoga on land itself is quite difficult, I did it on water without any mentorship and anyone's help. And that's why I think that this version of yoga shouldn't be done alone, a guru or a mentor is a must," she added.

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Yoga on water needs a lot of focus and determination as you need to hold your breath and have a strong gut to keep you floating on water. Performing various asanas is all about keeping the balance and Savitha does it effortlessly. When asked if she ever feared water or drowning she said that she loves water and she just wanted to do this. " I love water, I can be in it for an entire day, I forget everything, I even forget the people along whom I came to the pool. I just want to play in water, even though I drowned several times, I just continued to do it, it took more than 5-6 years to master it", she said.

For Savitha even though there are so many forms of yoga. This "yoga on water" is the most rejuvenating thing to her. She does it at least once a week. According to her it helps her to work efficiently for the next week, she feels light and happy. She doesn't want to teach it to people because it will take a lot of time, but she wants to educate people about it, give lectures and take workshops about it.

" Teaching this will require a lot of time and I don't think I can do justice to that. I just do it for my wellness and health. But I think more and more people should know about it and that's what I plan to do on this World Yoga Day. It's about time that people start appreciating various forms of yoga and propagate them," she concluded.

Who let the dogs out?

Ado over dog training centre at Rustam Bagh Layout; centre owner cries foul at licence being revoked after complaints

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A dog training centre that came up two years ago at Rustam Bagh Layout is proving to be a pain point for residents of the area. The owner of the centre says they were given permission by the BBMP, but now after repeated complaints from the residents of the area, BBMP is revoking the licence. In the past two years, the resident welfare association had approached the establishment several times to request them to sound-proof the centre.

Owing to repeated follow-ups with officials, now there is a plan to shift the facility out of the residential neighbourhood.

The area has several senior citizens as its residents, especially being within close range of Manipal hospital. Senior citizens complain that living in the area has become unbearable. "The dog facility came up around 2 years ago. They transformed a bungalow into a dog grooming/training facility. There is continuous barking from the facility. To silence the dogs, you can hear the trainers yelling at the top of their voices," said Anjali Bhate, a senior resident in the area.

Shankar, an 84-year-old, who lives right opposite the facility has to bear the brunt of the racket. "Through the day, the dogs keep barking and the trainers also start shouting. I am not able to sleep," said he.

The water consumption by the facility is also affecting the water table of the area, residents said.

"There is constant washing of the premises and dogs. The water used for washing is being let onto the roads and creating a stink in the neighbourhood," said 71-year-old Dr Issac Mathew, consultant doctor at Manipal hospital.

Residents note that the situation worsens during the weekend with over 50 dogs on the premises and all of them barking at the same time. "It gets worse during weekends. Hearing these dogs, the street dogs also start howling. The trainers can also be heard yelling," said Sunaina, a resident. She is a mother of a one-year-old whose sleep schedule is ruined because of the dogs.

People working from home are also affected. "It has been a constant disturbance, it is very difficult to take online calls with dogs barking in the background," said Ram Narayan, a citizen of Rustam Bagh Layout.

Residents say the constant barks is making life unbearably noisy for them

> **The case in high court has lapsed and in one to two months the facility will be shifted. We have cancelled their licence**
> – Mallappa Bhajantri, Assistant Director of BBMP Animal Husbandry

The RWA and Rustam Bagh Association for Welfare (RAW) has been voicing the resident's concerns to officials. They have written to the Animal Husbandry Department highlighting the same.

Complaints were made to the owner and the commercial tenant of the property but they did not listen, the residents said. "We have complained, at the ward committee meetings, where we were asked to complain to the Animal Husbandry Department and the MOH, which we did along with the signatures of the affected residents. Despite the authorities concerned having issued a notice to them, there is no respite," said Poornima Shetty, President of RAW.

Residents living near the facility have been forced to completely keep their windows shut due to the stench of the place. Other complaints are that children are unable to cycle or play on the street due to the muck around the establishment.

As per documents accessed by BM, BBMP's animal husbandry department had also issued a notice to the establishment.

Assistant Director of BBMP Animal Husbandry, Mallappa Bhajantri told Bangalore Mirror, "The case in high court has lapsed and in one to two months the facility will be shifted. We have cancelled their licence and the high court order has asked them to shift out of the locality."

Medical Officer of Health, Dr Shive Gowda said, "We are going to withdraw their licence and NOC. The file has been sent to the IT department and has spoken to the Deputy Director of Animal Husbandry to cancel their permit. We were told that the party has informed us that they will be shifting out. There have been strong complaints from RWA against the facility regarding loud noise and stench."

Why now?

The founder of the establishment however has a different story to tell. According to them, "When the matter was taken to court, the notice presented by BBMP was quashed as per the High Court order dated April 18, 2022. They have called the cops and BBMP officials for surprise inspections and have not found any noise or stench problems. Residents have barged into our premises without permission and hampered our safety guidelines and processes."

The founders have put their life savings into the establishment and questioned the BBMP saying, "After a year and half of operation, why is the BBMP telling me to stop? Why are other commercial establishments being permitted then?"

Racing needs reduction in tax slab

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Two top fillies in the campus will lock horns in the Maharaja's Cup this summer, Juliette, the winner of the champion of champions event, the Indian Turf Invitation Cup and the double classic winner Forest Flame. Most old hats in the game and the followers of form are of the opinion that Juliette from the stables of Karthik Ganapathy will be hard to down, while the Forest Flame camp is hoping to upset the applecart of the top fancy on home ground. Steward of the Madras Race Club (MRC) and part owner of Forest Flame, Chaduranga Kantharaj acknowledging that the classy Juliette will be the one to beat in the prestigious event, pointed out that Forest Flame is on top of her game after chalking out two facile victories and that the bred in the purple filly from the famed Poonawalla Stud Farm will make her presence felt in the major plum.

"Forest Flame is in top form and I'm confident that she will produce a top draw effort in her effort to complete a fabulous hat-trick," said Kantharaj. And if that happens, you will see a member of the Mysuru Royal family lead in a Maharaja's Cup after many many years. Kantharaj, who made all Mysuru proud leading in Alluring Silver, winner of the Indian Invitation Cup in Mumbai two summers ago pointed out that Indian racing after making a mark on the international scene has slipped down, hit hard by the 28 percent GST tax slab and only a revision in tax structure will help the sport survive.

Owner Chaduranga Kanthraj Urs (right) and trainer Sulaiman Attaollahi lead in Forest Flame after her second victory in the summer races

"Many small owners quit realising that the high tax slab is just not feasible and even a lot of big buyers found it tough to procure new stock and as a result reduced the numbers they normally pick up each year," said Kantharaj.

It is true that unless the GST council quickly reviews the high tax slab and provides racing a significant reduction it will be difficult for the racing clubs to continue with their operations taking into account that the game has lost out on many leading sponsors and the revenues generated are insufficient to successfully conduct the game in pomp and gaiety.

Before GST, the annual turnover at the Bangalore Turf Club (BTC) was 2000 crores and now BTC is struggling to generate 500 crores and this is largely due to the fact that punters are now prefering to place their bets with bookies, who are offering much better dividends than what is offered at the tote, thanks to the high taxes and commission,said Kantharaj.

Taxation apart, top class administration is the need of the hour. The conductors of the game should perform without fear or favour agreed Kantharaj, while disclosing that efforts should be made by all leading racing clubs to invest in Jockey schools. "We have a number of legendary riders, who have retired from the game and they can be roped in to train the young hopefuls at the training schools and that will help the young jockeys hone their skills," said Kantharaj.

The sporting owner revealed that following Mumbai, the Madras Race Club is designing plans for night racing at Guindy (Chennai). "Like T20 cricket, which is played at night and has proved to be a big money-spinner for BCCI, night racing at Mumbai saw an increase in attendance and taking the Chennai climate into consideration, it will prove to be a big draw and that's the way forward," said Kantharaj.

Corruption case: Court grants bail to BSY

A special court dealing exclusively with criminal cases related to legislators has granted bail to former Karnataka chief minister B S Yediyurappa in a corruption case.

Judge B Jayantha Kumar granted the bail on Saturday after the advocate for the complainant in the objections that were filed had stated that they did not oppose the granting of bail to the senior BJP leader.

The complainant's advocate K V Dhananjay, however, contended in the submission that they object only to some of the grounds assigned by the accused that was claimed to be irrelevant and improper.

Hearing in the case has been adjourned to July 16

The objections said the bail application of Yediyurappa refers to the case against Congress leader R V Deshpande and other accused against whom the original complaint was filed. But now the case is only against the BJP leader and reference to the others was improper.

"In his bail application, the accused B S Yediyurapppa, has further denied the commission of offence for which he has been summoned and has also offered justification for his actions that are subject of this criminal proceedings. The accused has further insinuated improper motive to this complainant," the objections stated. **-PTI**

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What a dampener!!!

Rain forces washout as India-South Africa T20 series ends 2-2

The fifth and deciding Twenty20 international between India and South Africa was abandoned due to rain in Bangalore on Sunday with the series ending level at 2-2.

India reached 28 for two in 3.3 overs after being put into bat first when a second rain interruption forced players off the field at the M. Chinnaswamy Stadium.

Umpires called off the match after rain refused to go away for over 90 minutes and players exchanged hand shakes.

Play started 50 minutes late, after rain forced the teams to head off the field just before the first ball was bowled.

South African quick Lungi Ngidi bowled the left-handed Ishan Kishan for 15, and then got his opening partner Ruturaj Gaikwad caught at mid-on for 10.

Shreyas Iyer, on nought, and skipper Rishabh Pant, on one, were batting when play stopped for the final time.

Earlier, South Africa skipper Temba Bavuma was ruled out of the line-up due to an elbow injury he suffered in the team's previous loss. Keshav Maharaj stood in as captain.

The Proteas won the opening two matches before the hosts bounced back to win the next two games with big margins. -AFP

● Rain delays India vs South Africa T20 cricket match at M Chinnaswamy stadium in Bangalore on Sunday. ● Cricket fans keep their spirits high. ● Lungi Ngidi of South Africa celebrates the wicket of Ruturaj Gaikwad ● Groundsmen cover the pitch in polythene sheets as rain stops play

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World swimming adopts new policy for transgender athletes

World swimming's governing body has adopted new rules for transgender athletes, only permitting swimmers who transitioned before age 12 to compete in women's events.

FINA members voted 71.5% in favor of the new "gender inclusion policy" at the organization's extraordinary general congress on Sunday. It will apply to all its events from Monday.

The 24-page policy also includes proposals for a new "open competition" category. FINA said it was setting up a "a new working group that will spend the next six months looking at the most effective ways to set up this new category."

The vote came after members heard presentations from of three specialist groups – an athlete group, a science and medicine group and a legal and human rights group – that had been working together to form the policy following recommendations given by the International Olympic Committee last November.

The IOC urged shifting the focus from individual testosterone levels and calling for evidence to prove when a performance advantage existed.

In March, Lia Thomas made history in the United States as the first transgender woman to win an NCAA swimming championship. She won the 500-yard freestyle.

Other sports have also been examining their rules.

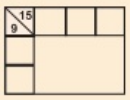
Cycling examines rules

On Thursday, cycling's governing body updated its eligibility rules for transgender athletes with stricter limits that will force riders to wait longer before they can compete. The International Cycling Union (UCI) increased the transition period on low testosterone to two years, and lowered the maximum accepted level of testosterone.

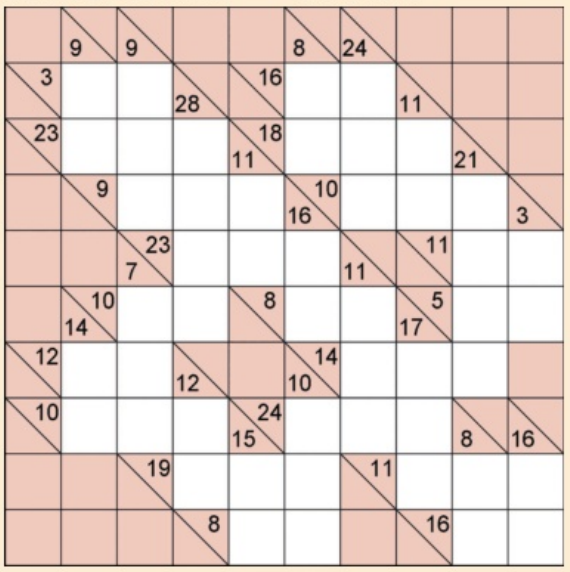
The previous transition period was 12 months but the UCI said recent scientific studies show that "the awaited adaptations in muscle mass and muscle strength/power" among athletes who have made a transition from male to female takes at least two years. -AP

Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.



Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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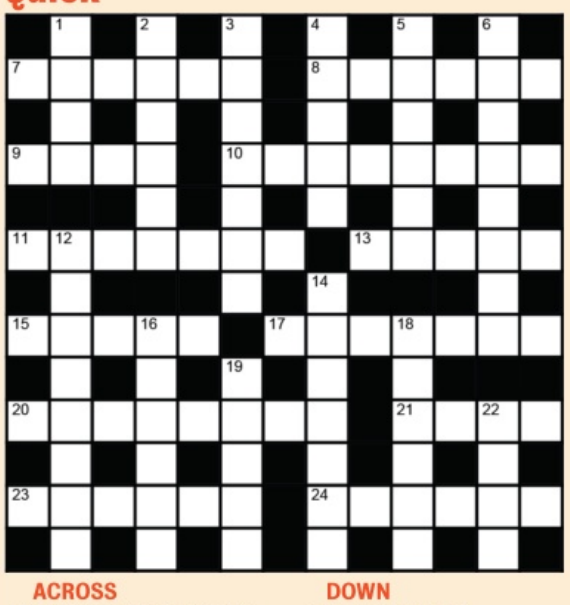


ACROSS

7 Former German emperor (6)
8 Perform, supply or contribute (6)
9 Taj Mahal city (4)
10 11th month of the year (8)
11 Provision supplier (7)
13 Attentive or vigilant (5)
15 ___ Villa : famous football club? (5)
17 Science of bodies at rest or forces in equilibrium? (7)
20 And so on (2,6)
21 Select (4)
23 Called to, praised or lauded (6)
24 A flowing in, as in ____ of refugees? (6)

DOWN

1 Canine tooth (4)
2 Landed property (6)
3 More lofty, excellent or exalted (7)
4 Hunger for (5)
5 Some mammal (6)
6 A _____ rise: a dazzlingly rapid rise? (8)
12 Large dog (8)
14 Patron saint of Wales? (2,5)
16 Excessively (6)
18 Hint; covert advice (3,3)
19 Pet name for Edward? (5)
22 Essence (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: S EQUALS T

BEOHEI KBE QHXJ SQI QIXP MQIE SQI ZIB WZ KBXP.

Linemaro

Something wrong with my cell. Your number is not on it

Mindchow

Life is measured by the number of breathes we take, but by the moments that take our breath away

Joke of the day

Murphy's Law: When things seem to be going very well, you've probably forgotten to do something

Loop

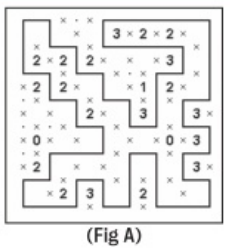
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



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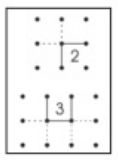
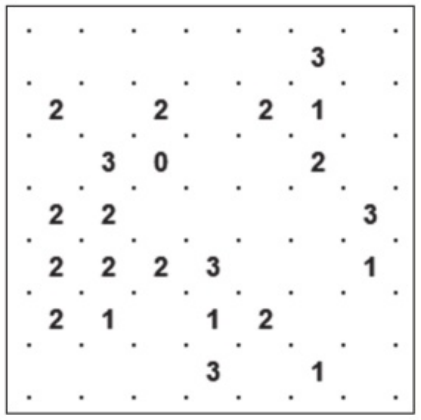


(Fig B) Not Allowed

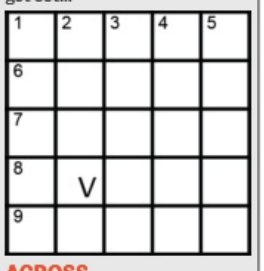


Strikeout

This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

1 Medal; 6 Am Aga; 7 Grade; 8 Id vie; 9 Cyder

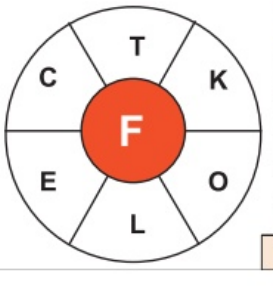
DOWN

1 Laird; 2 Ave Ga; 3 Gamic; 4 Me ere; 5 DD day

Mensapuzzle

A correspondent writes 7 letters and addresses 7 envelopes, one for each letter. In how many ways can all of the letters be placed in the wrong envelopes?

Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

07 Average; 08 Good; 10 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

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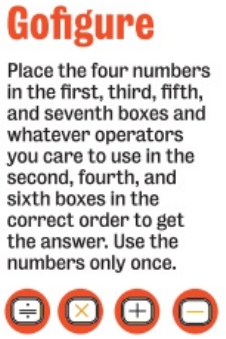
To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.



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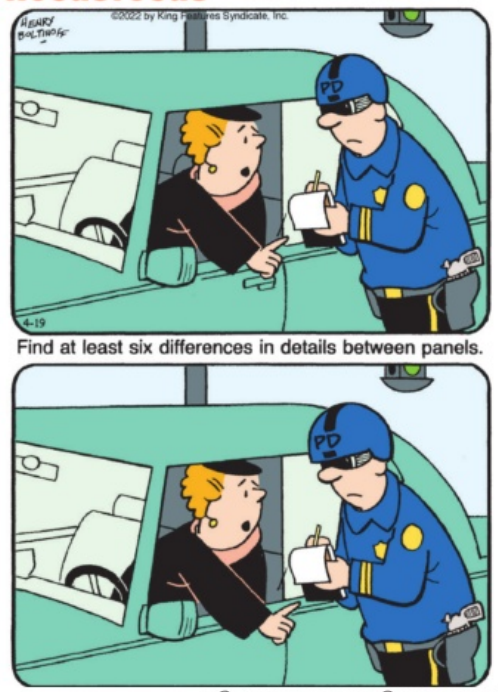


Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Patch on sleeve is moved. 2. Door handle is missing. 3. Headrest is missing. 4. Steering wheel is larger. 5. Arm is longer. 6. Helmet is larger.

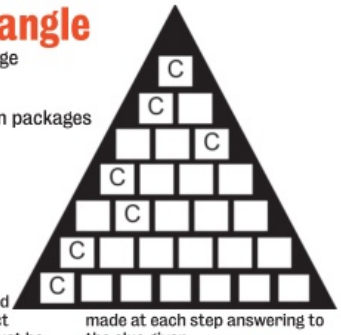
Riddler

When you curtail a word, you remove the last letter and still have a valid word. You will be given clues for the two words, longer word first.

1. Marsh; bog –> Moved through water
2. Waterproof canvas –> Pitch; oily residue
3. Cry; shed tears –> Very small
4. Assume a slouching posture; decrease suddenly –> Run-down part of a city

Alpha triangle

1 Computer language
2 Company, abbr.
3 Disney dwarf
4 Pay-the-postman packages
5 Chew out
6 Open's opposite
7 Most frigid



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE »

COMICS

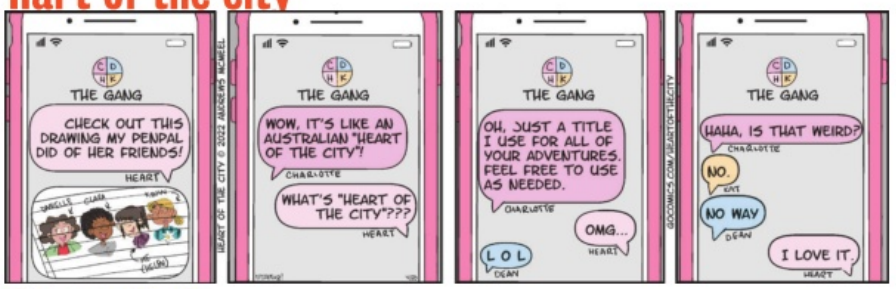
Redeye by Mel Casson

AH COULD LARN YOUR INJUNS A THANG OR TWO ABOUT TRACKING, CHIEF
OH YEAH? LIKE WHAT, JERKYMIAH?
LIKE YOU AIN'T EVEN NOTICED THET SOMEBODY'S BEEN A'FOLLOWIN' US
4-6

Bizarrotrip

Diamond Lil

Hart of the city


THE GANG
CHECK OUT THIS DRAWING MY PENPAL DID OF HER FRIENDS!
WOW, IT'S LIKE AN AUSTRALIAN "HEART OF THE CITY"!
WHAT'S "HEART OF THE CITY"???
OH, JUST A TITLE I USE FOR ALL OF YOUR ADVENTURES. FEEL FREE TO USE AS NEEDED.
OMG...
L O L
HAHA, IS THAT WEIRD?
NO.
NO WAY
I LOVE IT.

Crankshaft

YOU'D BETTER NOT BE BREAKING THE WATERING BAN!
LIKE I SAID, LILLIAN... I'M IRRIGATING!
YOU CERTAINLY ARE IRRITATING!
TIME TO CHANGE THE BATTERIES IN YOUR HEARING AIDS, LILLIAN!

Mutts

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today you are blessed by the moon. Things should be under control and you will enjoy your time at work. Your focus may be good which will reflect in your way of working. Your wisdom will help you make difficult decisions in terms of your profession. Past investments could bring profits.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today the moon is positive and keeps you in good health. You are likely to visit some spiritual place with family or friends. You can consider donating to charity. Property-related deals are likely to be done. You may also plan for higher education. You could enjoy chanting mantras or meditating.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
The moon may be negative today and you could be a victim of conspiracies. Avoid being involved in any controversies. Your strong willpower and blessings from elders may protect you from this messy situation. You are advised to avoid arguments in your domestic life. You should also avoid rash driving or any adventure tour.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today you may be very happy as your losses will convert to profits. Your boss may be happy and appreciate your work. You are likely to see some changes in your position at work. Promotions may be on the cards. You are likely to have the higher ground over opponents. Lovebirds may make important decisions in terms of marriage with the help of relatives or friends.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today you may be busy at work. You could feel highly enthusiastic which will speed up your project. You may be able to make quick decisions which will grow your business. You are likely to start a new venture in your partnership. Investments in fixed assets in partnership is not advised.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today you are blessed by the moon and may perform well at work. Expect promotions or transfers in terms of gains. You may also plan to change your current job. Your relations with the seniors will be strong. Old health issues will be cured now.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today you may be feeling dull or dissatisfied. As a result, you may not be enjoying your day. You may be a victim of arrogance. Do not let it impact your professional and domestic life. Your self-confidence could be low and may hinder your creativity today.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
You are brimming with energy today. You may perform efficiently at work and your hard work will bring results which may boost your confidence. Property-related disputes with the siblings are likely to be resolved now. A meeting with some influential people may boost your network. Disputes with the partner should also be resolved.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
The moon is on your side and will keep you happy today. Be polite with the people around you. You can make some tough calls in business with the help of your family members. You are likely to get a big order with the help of your communication skills. This can grow your business.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Your internal strength will be in abundance today. You might enjoy it at work. Expect romantic moments with the spouse. This could improve domestic harmony. You are likely to make plans to start a new project and your perfectionism may help you implement these successfully. Jobseekers may find good work. Lovebirds are advised to avoid discussions on worthless topics.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
You could feel disappointed today. Control your arrogance or you may see some losses due to your way of speaking. Lovebirds should be careful not to discuss counter-productive topics or general subjects that could impact their relationship.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Expect peace of mind today. You may plan to invest some capital in business. This can increase liquidity. Your earnings may boost your bank balance. You may enjoy romantic moments with your spouse, which may enhance harmony in the family life. Singles are likely to find a good match. Lovebirds may decide to get married.

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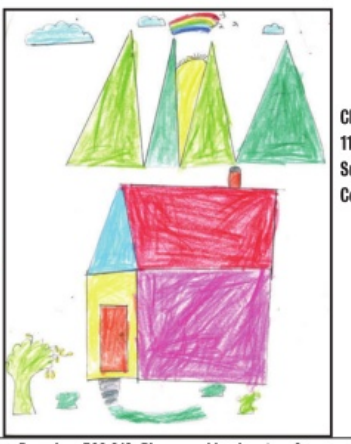

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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
15÷5(5)^5 = 3(5)^5
15^5 = 75

RIDDLER
1. Swamp -> Swam,
2. Tarp -> Tar,
3. Weep -> Wee,
4. Slump -> Slum

BULL'S EYE
clef, cleft, felt, FETLOCK, fleck, flock, floe, folk, left, loft

FAST FIVE

L	A	M	E	D
A	G	A	M	A
R	A	G	E	D
I	V	I	E	D
D	E	C	R	Y

QUOTE UNCODE
Anyone can hold the helm when the sea is calm.

STRIKE OUT

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QUICK

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MENSA PUZZLE
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SUDOKU

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7	8	2	3	6	5	9	4	1
9	4	3	1	7	2	5	6	8

ALPHA TRIANGLE
C, Co, Doc, CODs, Scold, Closed, Coldest.

GO FIGURE
Easy
9 + 4 + 9 + 6 = 28
Medium
9 – 3 + 8 + 6 = 20
Hard
7 + 9 x 1 – 7 = 9

LOOP

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A Happy Father's Day it was

Actors express gratitude to the most loved, cherished men in their lives

Akshara Haasan with daddy dearest Kamal

Several stars cutting across film industries joined scores of people in celebrating Father's Day on Sunday. Wishing their dads a happy Father's Day, they gratefully acknowledged the selfless sacrifices their fathers had made for their sake.

Actor Vishal tweeted, "Dearest dad, Proud, elated, happy and always inspired to have a father like you. Thank you for always pushing me forward as I follow your footsteps to lead a healthy lifestyle. May god bless you with the best of health, peace and happiness. Happy Father's Day." Bollywood actor Ajay Devgn, on his Twitter account, shared an unseen picture with his son Yug from a film set. Talking about this picture, the actor went back in memory lane and shared his experience of filmmaking with his father later director Veeru Devgn.

Actor Arav, who shot to fame after winning the title of Bigg Boss, wrote, "Second year without my dad, and here is K making me a responsible and loving father. I promise I will give you the world you want. Happy Father's Day to all the Fathers out there."

Actress Akshara Haasan, the younger daughter of Kamal Haasan too, posted a heartwarming note on Instagram. She wrote: "Happy Father's Day to my dearest bapuji. The best support, inspiration, role model, loving, warm, large-hearted father a daughter can ask for. Eternally grateful to be your daughter."

Director Aishwarya Rajinikanth, who posted a picture of herself with her dad, Tamil superstar Rajinikanth on Instagram, wrote, "My heartbeat ..#happyfathersday". **-Agencies**

Aishwarya with superstar dad Rajini

Ajay Devgn with son Yug

How Sara celebrated the day before

On Saturday, Sara Ali Khan was spotted with brother Ibrahim and father Saif Ali Khan as they stepped out for a weekend lunch and it seemed they were in the mood for a Father's Day celebration. On Sunday, Sara took to her Instagram handle to share a priceless family picture with her dad and brother Ibrahim to wish a happy Father's Day to Saif Ali Khan. Looks like the photo is from yesterday's lunch outing.

Arjun Kapoor's endearing greeting

Actor Arjun Kapoor shared a Father's Day post for filmmaker father Boney Kapoor but it seems that he could not find a picture with his dad and shared a picture featuring his father Boney and sister Khushi Kapoor. The 'Ishaqzaade' actor took to his Instagram handle on Sunday and posted an adorable picture of Boney with Khushi where they can be seen posing for the camera with a happy face.

Sharing the post, he wrote a funny caption, "I tried finding pictures of dad with me but only found more images of him with @khushi05k."

Too busy to celebrate!

Actor Kiara Advani, currently on a career-high with consecutive hits, says she hopes to continue her golden run at the box office with the upcoming comedy-drama 'Jugjugg Jeeyo'.

From 'Kabir Singh', and 'Good Newzz' to her last release 'Bhool Bhulaiyaa 2', the actor's recent theatrical outings have emerged as a major draw at the ticket window. Advani credited horror-comedy 'Bhool Bhulaiyaa 2' for giving her more confidence.

"When you work on a film for a long time, and the audience gives this kind of love, it's fulfilling, motivating. Even for the industry, it's an encouraging sign to see the audience turn up in huge numbers. This success feels gratifying and has empowered me more," the 29-year-old told.

Before she could "sit and digest" the success of 'Bhool Bhulaiyaa 2', Advani said she dived straight into the promotions of 'Jugjugg Jeeyo'.

"I didn't have the time to think about success. After every hit of mine, I've jumped to work almost immediately. I have never sat, relaxed and celebrated the success of any film... Work has always kept coming and I enjoy it. When there's so much love and work, that is my celebration," she added. **-PTI**

All love & a cookie for you

Deepika Padukone and Ranveer Singh inarguably make for one of the most adorable couples of B-Town. From their social media PDA to vacay pictures, public appearances, being each other's cheerleaders and more, we've seen the two stars set couple goals time and again. No doubt then, there is a separate fanbase of the couple shipping them as 'DeepVeer'. In the latest, Deepika revealed the nickname she uses for hubby Ranveer, and we totally approve!

In his latest Instagram post, Ranveer shared a set of pictures of him receiving an award from '83 director Kabir Khan. Deepika commented, "Our shelves are full cookie! But who cares...Keep em coming!."

On the work front, both Ranveer and Deepika are busy with their film commitments.

While Deepika is currently shooting for 'Project K' with Prabhas and Amitabh Bachchan in Hyderabad, she will soon start shooting for 'Fighter' with Hrithik Roshan. She also has 'Pathaan' with Shah Rukh Khan and the remake of 'The Intern' with Amitabh Bachchan. **-ETimes**

Sandra Bullock's on indefinite break

Actress Sandra Bullock has talked about her hiatus from movie screens.

In a new interview, the actress portraying Loretta Sage in 'The Lost City' doesn't know how long her break from acting will last, reports aceshowbiz.com.

Bullock said she is "so burnt out and tired" that she needs to take a hiatus from filming but is unsure of when she will return.

She told The Hollywood Reporter: "I don't want to be beholden to anyone's schedule other than my own. I'm so burnt out. I'm so tired, and I'm so not capable of making healthy, smart decisions and I know it."

When asked how long the break will last, she replied: "I really don't know." She later admitted that she has relied on work as a "crutch" and needs to take a step back.

"Work has always been steady for me, and I've been so lucky. I saw it possibly was becoming my crutch. It was like opening up a fridge all the time and looking for something that was never in the fridge," she said.

"I said to myself, 'Stop looking for it here because it doesn't exist here. You already have it; establish it, find it and be OK not having work to validate you'."

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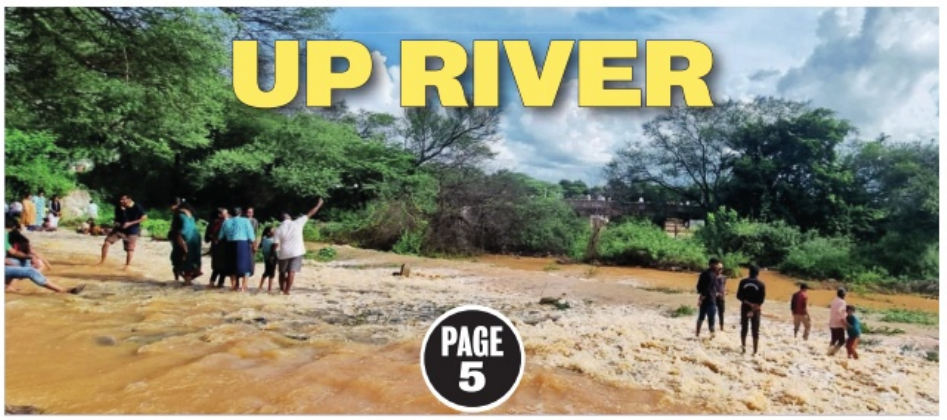

Youth lost life to brazen encroachment that left not even a metre of prescribed 50-metre buffer near primary stormwater drain

DRAIN DEAD

Buildings constructed in violation of NGT norms

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A strange and uneasy calm descended upon neighbourhoods in KR Puram after the deluge on Friday. Anup Sarkar is in a dilemma on how to go to office on Monday — his bike was damaged when his house was flooded with rainwater.

"Though rainwater did overflow two to three times in the past, it is the first time our vehicles got damaged," said Sarkar.

Similarly, S Prashanth, whose bike and car were damaged, is contemplating to apply for leave on Monday. "I am not sure whether I will be able to get my bike and car repaired by Monday," Prashanth told BM.

Like Anup and Prashanth, many hapless residents of 10th Cross, Gayathri Layout in KR Puram assembly constituency, are yet to recover from the shock, after their homes were inundated with rainwater on Friday night.

They are now wondering how to cope with a similar incident in the near future if the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) and elected representatives continue to turn a blind eye towards encroachment of stormwater drains across Bengaluru.

(Left) The place where a temporary platform was constructed to park vehicles. (Above) Actual width of the stormwater drain outside the educational institution

> "Collapse of temporary platform blocked the stormwater drain; blockade caused overflow of rainwater, flooding nearby houses. — resident

Encroachment rampant

It was quite shocking and amusing for this correspondent, to come across in person, the brazen encroachment of the stormwater drain by 'greedy' property owners in the area. Most buildings, including residential apartments and educational institutions, are constructed in violation of National Green Tribunal (NGT) norms.

The building at 10th Cross of Gayathri Layout was constructed

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Civic staff to strike from July 1

Pourakarmikas seek proper wages, regular employment, allowance for housing, children's education

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The pourakarmikas have decided to go on a strike starting from July 1 to protest against low wages and lack of permanent employment for civic workers.

Kalavathi, a pourakarmika who works near Navodaya Nagar every day from 6:00 am to 2:00 pm gets paid a salary of Rs 15,000 per month, which she uses to sustain a family of five.

Out of Rs 15,000 she gets an amount of Rs 13,000 in hand. Her duties involve sweeping the streets and collecting garbage from roadside. Though she is not the sole breadwinner in the family, it gets hard for her to manage all the basic family needs. Many other pourakarmikas like Kalavathi from around the state will be gathering in their respective districts to demand for a wage hike.

Nirmala M, president of BBMP Pourakarmika Sanghatane, said the workers have multiple demands. "We are asking the government to give housing aid. Many pourakarmikas live in poor conditions, many of their homes have been flooded; they are not able to afford their children's education. These are some of the reasons

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